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TAGS: TP, UNSC

SUBJECT: SAO TOME LODGES COMPLAINT IN SECURITY CONCIL

1. AT CLOSE OF SC SESSION ON CHAD FEB 14, SC PRESIDENT TROYANOVSKY (USSR) READ CABLE FROM PRESIDENT OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE CALLING COUNCIL'S ATTENTION TO "VIOLATIONS" OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE BY UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT. CABLE SAID GOVERNMENT OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE FEARED THAT AN INVATIONS WAS BEING PREPARED BY "MERCENARIES".

2. TEXT OF CABLE FOLLOWS:  
TELEGRAM DATED 13 FEBRUARY 1978 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEOMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT FOR SOME TIME NOW UNIDENTIFIED BOATS AND RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY VIOLATING OUR TERRITORIAL WATERS AND OUR AIR SPACE. RECENTLY, THE BOATS INCREASED THEIR MOVEMENTS, SWEEPING OUR COASTLINE WITH THEIR POWERFUL PRO-JECTORS, AND THEIR ACTIVITIES COINCIDE WITH OUR OWN INFORMATION THAT MERCENARY FORCES IN FOREIGN PAY ARE PREPARING TO INVADE OUR  
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COUNTRY. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO ALERT YOU, AS PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO THE GRAVITY OF THIS SITUATION WHICH THREATENS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR STATE AND THE SURVIVAL OF OUR PEOPLE AND WE APPEAL TO YOU TO INFORM THE MEMBER STATES.

(SIGNED) MANUEL PINTO DA COSTA  
PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE UNQUOTE

3. COMMENT: MISSION AWAITS FURTHER INITIATIVES OF THIS  
MATTER WITH ENTHUSIASM USUALLY RESERVED FOR ATTACKS OF  
DENGUE FEVER.  
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